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GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

Fire Prevention Week - Oct. 5 -11

When Fire Strikes; Get Out! Stay Out!

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Goodyear Fire Department

Most people don't realize how quickly smoke and flames can spread during a fire. Everybody should know what to do in case a fire breaks out in your home. You can survive a fire in your home if you leave quickly and don't go back in until the Fire Department tells you it is safe. "Get Out! Stay Out!" is a simple strategy that must be part of your overall home escape plan.

Creating a home escape plan consists of three simple steps.

1) PLAN

- ◆ Sit down with everyone in your family and make a plan that shows two ways out of every room.
- ◆ Make sure all doors and windows can be unlocked and opened easily. Everyone in your family should know how to do this.
- ◆ Pick a meeting place for everyone to go to once they get out.

2) PREPARE

- ◆ Purchase and install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and in the hallway outside of bedrooms.
- ◆ Make sure you test your smoke alarms once a month.
- ◆ If you live in a house with more than one story, purchase and install rope ladders.

3) PRACTICE

- ◆ Have a fire drill in your home at least twice a year.
- ◆ Practice in both the day and the dark.



✓ Vote in General Plan Election

Several Polling Places Change; Check Yours

Precinct	Polling Place Facility	Location	Room
Goodyear	Goodyear Community Center	420 E. Loma Linda	Main
Palm Valley	Palm Valley Community Cntr	14145 W. Palm Valley Blvd.	All Purpose
Perryville (Wildflower Area)	Desert Edge High School	15778 W. Yuma Rd.	Gym
Estrella Mt. Ranch	Estrella Foothills High School	13033 S. Estrella Parkway	Gym
PebbleCreek	PebbleCreek Arts & Craft Center	3657 N. Clubhouse Drive	107

**The polls are open on Tuesday, Nov. 4th
from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- ◆ Test your smoke alarm to indicate the start of the drill.
- ◆ Feel doors with the back of your hand. If it's hot, use your other way out.
- ◆ Crawl low under the smoke.
- ◆ Go to your meeting place and count to see that everyone has made it out.
- ◆ Once you are outside, do not go back inside for any reason.
- ◆ In the event of a real fire, call 9-1-1.

**Practice your
home escape plan during Fire
Prevention Week, Oct., 5 - 11,
so you will know how to
Get Out! Stay Out!**

Voter Registration Deadline

In order to vote in the Nov. 4th Special General Plan Update Election, you must have been registered in a Goodyear precinct on or before midnight, Monday, Oct. 6, 2003. Not sure if you are registered? Call 602-506-1511.

Early or Mail-In Voting

Out of town on Nov. 4th? Vote in person at the early voting poll in City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., from Oct. 2 to Oct. 31.

Don't want to go to the polls? Ask for a mail-in ballot. Call 602-506-1511. Requests for mail-in ballots may be made up until 5 p.m. on October 24. Only those ballots returned by 7 p.m. on election day will be counted.

You may also hand deliver your early/mail-in ballot to any polling place in Maricopa County on Nov. 4th.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor Discusses General Plan Update

Our goal in Goodyear is to build a great city. One that is built on quality. A city with a unique character, known for its livability. To accomplish this, it takes a great deal of vision and planning -- the kind that went into Goodyear's General Plan Update 2003 - 2013.

Essentially, the General Plan is a blueprint for guiding future growth and development in the City and its planning area. The state of Arizona has mandated through Growing Smarter/ Growing Smarter Plus that the existing General Plan be updated at least every 10 years and approved by a vote of the people.

Goodyear citizens, stakeholders, and City staff spent the last two years preparing a General Plan Update that represents what the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) heard from the citizens at its many meetings, public open houses, and public hearings. The goals and objectives of the Plan address the areas on which Goodyear citizens place a high value.

1) Providing enhanced active open spaces and recreational opportunities

- by creating parks and connected trails
- by preserving natural desert, river and mountain areas
- by pursuing joint-use recreational opportunities with schools
- by providing a variety of recreational programs and facilities for all ages

2) Creating a sustainable community

- by achieving a balance between housing and jobs
- by targeting one job for every 3 - 4 residents
- by retaining and attracting desired businesses
- by providing a diverse mix of housing types and densities
- by providing high quality housing for all income levels
- by revitalizing and redeveloping mature housing stock and existing businesses

3) Creating a multi-modal transportation system

- by providing effective roadway systems that efficiently move vehicular traffic
- by providing transit services
- by providing more bike lanes/paths
- by creating an interconnected park/ trail/equestrian system

4) Managing future growth

- by protecting and increasing our current water supply
- by providing high quality public services and facilities at the time of development
- by continuing to protect Luke Air Force Base and the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport through compatible land uses

5) Creating desirable community character


- by preserving Goodyear's rural heritage
- by keeping our community a safe place to live
- by developing Goodyear's individuality
- by enhancing Goodyear's quality and attractiveness

The approval of this plan will NOT bring added costs to Goodyear's taxpayers because development impact fees are designed to pay for a large part of the public facilities needed for future development.

The General Plan Update 2003-2013 sets a comprehensive vision that will guide the city's development from the present to the future, ensuring a dynamic, livable city of quality and unique character.

I urge everyone who isn't registered to do so, so they can vote. I also urge all registered voters to participate in this Fall's election. Your vote will help determine the direction of the Goodyear of the future.

Sincerely,


Jim Cavanaugh



Goodyear City Council (l to r): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter, and Frank Cavalier.

EVENTS CALENDAR

All Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

Friday, Oct. 3

All City Facilities Closed
due to employee in-service forum.
Public safety personnel still on duty.

Monday, Oct. 6

Council Work Session - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14*

Council Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.

* Tuesday due to Columbus Day

Saturday, Oct. 18

Billy Moore Western Heritage Days Parade

Western Avenue - 10 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 20

Council Work Session - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.

Hampton Inn & Suites
2000 N. Litchfield Rd.

Monday, Oct. 27

Council Work Session - 5 p.m.

Council Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 3

Council Work Session - 5 p.m.

Newcomer's Guide Sent



The 120-page guide has been mailed to all Goodyear households. If you did not receive one, please call 623-882-7808. Leave your name, address and phone number.

Know Your Neighbors

Join your friends at Goodyear's 2nd annual G.A.I.N. event from 3 - 6 p.m., Saturday, October 11 at Parque De Paz, 1600 N. Calle Adobe Lane. Bring the whole family for food, block watch information, games, giveaways and to see police vehicles on display.

G.A.I.N. stands for *Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods*.

Visit Any Goodyear Fire Station! Saturday, Oct. 11 Open Houses - 9 a.m. to Noon



Fire Station #1
14000 W. Yuma Rd.



Fire Station # 2
10701 S. Estrella Pkwy



Fire Station #3
3075 N. Litchfield Rd.

*** Tour a Fire Station!**

*** Explore a Fire Truck!**

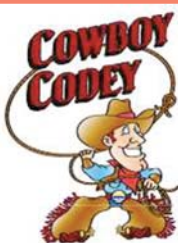
*** Meet Your Firefighters!**

*** Refreshments! Prizes for the Kids! ***

Goodyear's Howling Halloween Bash



- ◆ Saturday, October 25th from 5 to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Loma Linda Park, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd.
- ◆ Wear your favorite Halloween costume!
- ◆ Rides, games, cake walk, balloon twisting, pumpkin patch, cookie decorating, magic shows and food.
- ◆ Admission is free and there is a nominal fee for certain activities.



Cowboy Codey Sez . . .
"Park Cars on Pavement and Help Keep Dust to a Minimum"

Did you know that the City is required to implement ways to mitigate dust? Because of this, the City requires vehicles be parked on paved driveways or parking lots - not on grass, rock or dirt. Goodyear has adopted parking regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. Residential lots are required to have paved driveways and parking spaces for vehicles.

Some of these requirements are as follows:

1. Parking spaces must be paved with asphalt, concrete or masonry.
2. No vehicle can be parked in a front yard, except on an authorized driveway.
3. Parking will not be allowed on both sides of the house.

So, help keep the city dust compliant by not parking on dirt or rock.

Famous Gin Blossoms Headline Goodyear Taste & Tunes Fest

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Goodyear's former Jazz Festival transforms into a new music festival with a wide range of musical performers plus food, wine and beer tasting.

In a beautiful lakeside setting at Estrella Mountain Ranch, **The Scones** (70's, 80's & 90's music) start a full day of entertainment at 2 p.m. Next is the all-female blues band, **Sistah Blue**, followed by **Turning Point**, known for its jazz fusion. Master blues guitarist **Carvin Jones** precedes the **Gin Blossoms**, nationally-known, contemporary rock band, which takes the stage at 7:45 p.m. until 9:15 p.m.



Gin Blossoms

Outback Steakhouse, The Wigwam Resort and Wildflower Bread Co. are among the food vendors. A variety of wines will be available and products from five micro breweries will be offered for tasting at this festival produced by the West Valley Fine Arts Council and sponsored by the City of Goodyear and Estrella Mountain Ranch.

Gates open at 1 p.m. Presale tickets can be purchased from ticketweb.com or by calling 1-866-468-7621. Presale tickets cost \$20 for adults (\$25 at the gate), \$10 for juniors 11 to 16 (same at gate). Kids 10 and under are free. \$75 VIP tickets are also available presale. VIP tickets include table seating, no-host bar, \$10 worth of tastings and VIP parking. For more information, call 623-935-6384.

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, (623) 932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone (623) 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

City Trims Plants Back; Urges Citizens Do Same

Now that temperatures are FINALLY falling, the Goodyear Park's Division will begin a plant life cutback in Palm Valley, with several other communities scheduled for pruning in the spring. In addition, the City will not be overseeding the parks during the winter. This decision is consistent with our goal to conserve water. This goal is shared by our neighboring cities of Peoria, Glendale and Phoenix.

The plant life cutback process allows for more healthy and vigorous regrowth and helps the City save water during this drought period. Over time, trees and shrubs often grow to sizes that exceed the space allowed for them. Cutting back plants helps the foliage stay in bounds while also helping the plants maintain a normal growth rate.

Despite the beauty a winter lawn provides, it also consumes a lot of water. So, unless your Homeowner's Association mandates that you must overseed, try letting your lawns go dormant this year since we are still in the midst of a drought. Remember, saving water is everyone's business.



Your Opinion Counts

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard@goodyearaz.gov.

Comments (please print) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____



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